

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)
Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council

Tuesday, May 26, 2020
Minutes – Unofficial

The May 26, 2020 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 1:10 p.m. Members present were: Nicole Angelle, Maria Blanco, Ashley Byrd, Dr. Susannah Craig, Carole Elliot, Captain Chris Eskew, James Evans, Dionne Frost, Abigail Iron Rope, Dr. Michelle Joubert, Linda Lambert, LaTrese LeCour, Dr. Toni Ledet, Dr. Ashley Lucas, Dr. Tamanika Odinga, Paula Politio, John Warner Smith, Dr. Libbie Sonnier-Netto, Patricia Triche, Kahree Wahid, Kelly Taylor-White, and Alan Young. Melissa Drescher served as a proxy for Carolyn Bombet. Lt. Lorre Claiborne, Tasha Dennis, Leslie Lewis, Sen. Beth Mizell, Dr. Anthony Recasner, and Rep. Chris Turner were absent

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Jessica Baghian, Lisa Brochard, and Nasha Patel.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ms. Paula Polito at 1:10 p.m.

Ms. Polito requested a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2020 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council meeting. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Dr. Odinga, and seconded by Ms. Iron Rope, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the February 14, 2020 meeting of the Council.

Ms. Polito recommended the appointment of the following members to the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council: Representative Chris Turner, Nicole Angelle, and Dr. Ashley Lucas.

- 2 On motion of Dr. Sonnier-Netto, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Council approved the addition of the following members to the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council:
 - Representative Chris Turner, who replaces Representative Frank Hoffman as the designee from the House Committee on Health and Welfare;
 - Nicole Angelle, who replaces Senator Regina Barrow as the designee from the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare; and
 - Dr. Ashley Lucas, who replaces Dr. Roberta Vicari as the representative appointed by the Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Lisa Brochard led a discussion related to proposed revisions to Bulletin 139, *Louisiana Child Care and Development Programs*.

- 3 On motion of Dr. Sonnier-Netto, and seconded by Ms. White, the Council endorsed a proposed shift in current policy found in Bulletin 139, *Louisiana Child Care and Development Programs*, to allow families to qualify for CCAP while seeking employment or enrolling in school. The Council further recommended that the Department share the final version of the proposed policy revisions with the Council prior to submitting to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) for consideration.

Jessica Baghian provided an update on state legislation impacting early childhood care and education in Louisiana.

- 4 On motion of Ms. Iron Rope, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Council received an update on state legislation impacting early childhood care and education in Louisiana.

Nasha Patel provided an update on the Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant.

- 5 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Odinga, the Council received an update on the Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant.

Jessica Baghian, Nasha Patel, and Lisa Brochard provided an update on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report – Quarter 1.

On motion of Dr. Odinga, and seconded by Dr. Craig, the Council received an update on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report – Quarter 1.

- 6 With no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the May 26, 2020 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.